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**Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist
Perform flexible endoscopic procedure
Effective January 1, 2007**

Effective January 1, 2007 SB 1285 (Aanestad) Chapter 153 Speech-Language Pathologists is an act to amend Section 2530.2 of the Business and Professions Code, to authorize performance of flexible endoscopic procedures in any facility that has protocols for emergency medical backup procedures. Existing law authorizes a speech-language pathologist to perform flexible endoscopic procedures in acute care setting that has protocols for emergency medical backup procedures as specified. This new law includes in that definition the performance of suctioning in connection with a speech-language pathologist's scope of practice, after compliance with a medical facility's training protocol on suctioning procedures.

The Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Licensing Act, licenses and regulates the practices of speech-language pathologists and audiologists by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board of the Department of Consumer Affairs.